GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING IN FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India nominates persons for training in the reputed Foreign Institutions for improving their academic, managerial, technical and administrative capabilities in various fields and disciplines at the cost of the public exchequer and by way of sponsorships;

(b) if so, the number of persons from the Ministry of Rural Development sent abroad for both the short term and long term training courses during the last five years;

(c) the number of persons belonging to SC/ST category among such persons and their percentage to total such persons; and

(d) reasons if adequate number of SCs/STs Officers have not been nominated for the said training?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Eight Officers have been sent abroad for short term training courses during the period April 1995 to April, 2000 at the cost of the public exchequer. Only a nominal expenditure on account of 1/4th DA was borne by this Ministry/State Governments. Rest of the expenditure was borne by the sponsoring organisation and the host countries. This does not include officers sponsored by foreign agencies whose final selection is done by the Departments of Economic Affairs and Personnel and Training, nodal Departments for the purpose.

(c): Two Officers belong to SC category. The percentage is 25.

(d): While attempting to ensure that due representation is given to SC/ST Officers, the requirements stipulated for different programmes are also kept in view.